पेट्रोलियम-उत्पादों की कीमत बढ़ाने के संबंध में प्रस्ताव

618.**श्री वी.नारायनसामी**:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पेट्रालियम – उत्पादों की कीमत बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही हैं; यदि हां तो इसके क्या कारण है; और क्या इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय लिया गया है ;

(ख) गत वर्ष में इसकी बढ़ी कीमत की तुलना में इस प्रस्तावित वृद्वि की प्रतिशतता क्या हैं;

(ग) इस से तेल पूल का घाटा कम करने में सरकार को किस हद तक मदद मिलेगी; और

(घ) घरेलू रसोई गैस की कीमत पर इस का क्या असर पड़ेगा और सरकार इस संबंध में जनता को राहत दिलाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती हैं;

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Facilities for the Motorist by Petrol Bunks

619. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:'

(a) whether petrol bunks are supposed to provide a minimum quantum of facilities to the motorists;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of petrol and oil selling bunks in Andhra Pradesh do not have any facilities to offer;

(c) whether any study or monitoring of the standard of services provided by such sales outlets in the State has been done;

(d) if so. the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to enhance the quality of services offered by the sales outlets, selling oil and petrol supplied by the public sector oil companies in 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines it is mandatory for retail outlets to provide the facilities of free air, radiator water and first-aid to motorists.

(b) The facilities mentioned above have been provided at all retail outlets in Andhra Pradesh except two retail outlets where air facility is not available.

(c) to (e) Regular inspections are conducted by the oil company officials to check whether the mandatory facilities are provided at the retail outlets. In case of complaints in this regard, action is taken against the erring dealers under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. The Oil Companies continuously make efforts to improve the quality of services at the retail outlets.

Petroleum Reserves in the Country

620. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of total petroleum reser ves in the country;

(b) if so, what is its estimated quantity;

(c) how much of it is being exploited every year and reasons for not exploiting more; and

(d) the amount spent tor importing petroleum products during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 1.4.19% the

estimated reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) are about 1467.57 MMt.

(c) A total of 56.5 Million Tonnes of oil & oil equivalent of gas is expected to be produced during the year 1996-97. Efforts are being made to increase the production levels further. However, production levels are dependent on several factors including exploitable hydrocarbon reserves base, permitted production potential based on reservoir characteristics, exploitation strategy, available infrastructure, depletion stage of the reservoir and other pctrophysical considerations which limit the production levels keeping in view the health of reservoir.

(d) The details of the amount spent during the last three years for importing petroleum products are as 'under:—

Year	*Amount Spent*
1993-94	7041
1994-95	7522
1995-96	12578

Strike Threat by Off-Shore Divers of ONGC

621. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-shore divers working for ONGC have threatened to go on strike;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Bharatiya Gotakhor Sangh, an Association representing divers employed by a contractor engaged by ONGC Ltd., has raised certain issues with the Corporation and has stated that in case proper action was not taken to rectify the same, the Association would be forced to give a call for strike.

(b) (i) Direct employment for divers and technicians; (ii) Deboarding of foreign divers engaged by the contractor from the vessels deployed by the contractor and deportation of such foreign divers from the country; (iii) Strict adoption of international safety norms relating to diving; and (iv) Ensuring payment of unpaid wages of divers by the contractor.

(c) Services of divers through contractor are obtained on contract by ONGC Ltd., strictly based on need. The Corporation ensures that various terms of the contract agreement entered into with the contractor, including strict compliance of international safety norms and payment of wages by the contractor to his employees, are following by the contractor.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर राजसहायता

622. **श्री रामजेठमलानी**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पेट्रोलियम और इसके उत्पादों पर राजसहायता प्रदान की जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां,तो विभिन्न उत्पादों पर राजसहायता किस दर से प्रदान की जाती है और वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान कुल कितनी राजसहायता दिए जाने का अनुमान हैं;

(ग) क्या 1990-91 से 1996-97 के दौरान राजसहायता की राशि में पर्याप्त वृद्वि हुई हैं, यदि हां तो उसका वर्ष –वार ब्यौरा क्या हैं ;

(घ) क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर राजसहायता में इस वृद्वि के बावजूद उनके मूल्य तेजी से बढ़े हैं; और

(ड.) यदि हां,तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

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(करोड़ रूपए)

उत्पाद	1996-97
एच.एस.डी	8340
एस.के.ओ.(घरेलू)	6350
एल.पी.जी.(पैक्ड घेरलू)	1950